

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 13 and 14 are canceled herein. Claims 9-12, 15 and 16 remain pending in the application.

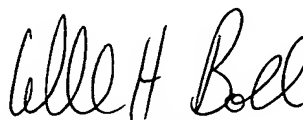
Allowable Claims

The Applicants again thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 9-12, 15 and 16 are allowed. As all remaining claims 1-8, 13 and 14 are canceled herein, there are no further outstanding rejections. The Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner earliest convenience.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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